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*I believe in a personal God who is the creator and the ruler of the existing universe and also the Father of all men, loving, forgiving, just, and powerful.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, the divine son of God, who in his life and teaching revealed to men who would heed him the highest purposes and nature of God.*

*I believe in the pervading presence of the Holy Spirit, which is the unfailing source of spiritual enrichment of life.*

*I believe in the Bible as a unique and inspiring record of experiences and thoughts of men who have lived in close communion with God. I further regard it as one of the indispensable means by which a Christian can perfect his life and come nearer to God.*

*I believe that the path of ultimate salvation lies in Jesus Christ, and that an unwavering loyalty to him is the only safeguard against sin.*

*I believe in the possibility and actuality of regenerated lives through the working of the spirit of God.*

*I believe that the death of Christ has an atoning power for the sins of all men who will believe in him.*

*To be a Christian I understand to mean to realize God the Father in daily life in the way and in the spirit of Jesus and as he taught men. Constant communion with God through prayer, therefore, is the essential duty and mark of a Christian.*

*I believe it to be the mission of every true Christian to help the preaching of the gospel in all parts of the world until all men shall believe and adore one Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.*

*I stand for all the Christian ideals, in their social, moral, and religious implications.*

*Finally, I believe the Christian church to be an essential and indispensable institution for the promotion of the religious and spiritual interests of believers.*